(d) if so, when and the steps taken in the direction of clearance of shipments for access to the market in those countries; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (e) Some consignments of garments under EU categories 4, 6 and 26 have been held up in EU ports as annual levels for 1998 in respect of these categories had been exceeded. A delegation of the Apparel Export Promotion Council had been sent to Europe in this regard. The matter has also been taken up bilaterally by the Government with the European Commission as well as with EU Member States. In the meantime, fresh 1999 quotas are being issued for any consignments coming back to India and the customs authorities have taken steps for prompt clearance of any such goods for purpose of re-export to Europe.

According to available information the quantity involved in such held up consignments in three categories is reported to be around two million pieces. Their value is estimated at about Rs. 40 crore.

Rebates on Handloom and Handicrafts

1694. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The rebate being given to Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporations in various States, State-wise; and

(b) The programmes of these Corporations, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) The Rabate/Market Development Assistance sanctioned to various State Corporations dealing with handlooms during the current year (till date) is as follows:

	(Rs in lakhs)
Bihar	14.29
Gujarat	25.79
Haryana	21.04
Himachal Pradesh	3.00
J & K	18.65
Kerala	49.29
Madhya Pradesh	43.53
Maharashtra	22.47
Nagaland	0.77
Uttar Pradesh	57.66
West Bengal	62.43

(b) The programmes of the Handloom and Handicrafts Corporations of the States generally include distribution of raw material, improved equipments and training to the Handloom weavers, development of the products, participation in exhibitions, setting up of marketing outlets, welfare measures under various ongoing handloom schemes.

Production and Marketing of Silk in Assam

1695. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to improve production and marketing of silk in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) In order to supplement efforts of the State Sericulture Department, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a large number of schemes/ projects/programmes for promoting development of all 4 varieties of silk. These include schemes for extension of R & D training, infrastructure extension support to the sector through a net work of CSB units and implementation of certain development/ investment/financial assistance schemes for encouraging adoption of modern sericutlure practices for production of quality silk. Besides CSB has also taken up specific sericulture project like World Bank assisted NSP, Action

Plan for the North Eastern states, etc., in association/collaboration with the States. Some of the specific projects taken up by the CSB in the State of Assam are as follows:

(i) Under the National Sericulture Project which was implemented in two districts in Assam (Jorhat & Sibsagar), infrastructure facilities were created such as basic seed farms, technical service centres, Cocoon markets, demonstration cum training centre for reelers and weavers, etc.

(ii) North Eastern Action Plan covering Assam and other States of the Assam and other States of the North Eastern region is presently under implementation which provides assistance towards increase in acreage by plantation, training to farmers, reelers, setting up of cocoon training facilites and assistance for setting up of reeling units, etc.

(iii) Assistance is extended to agencies for marketing various cocoons.

(iv) Project development and domestic marketing for Eri and Muga.

(v) Muga raw-material sale depot was set up at Guwahati.

(vi) Besides, to boost the production of silk 36 Catalytic Development Schemes have been sanctioned for implementation by the Government through Central Silk Board. Out of 36 schemes, 17 schemes have been approved at a cost of Rs. 6.08 crore during 1998-99 for being implemented in the State of Assam, out of which CSB contribution will be Rs. 4.07 crore. These include scheme like installation of common facility centre, augmentation of muga food plants, support for upgradation of seed multiplication infrastructure (Muga), and support for popularisation of improved reeling/spinning devices for muga.

(vii) An Integrated Muga and Eri Development Project has been prepared by the Central Silk Board for North Eastern States including Assam, for implementation during IXth Plan period at a cost of Rs. 95.00 crores out of which the Assam component is Rs. 64.00 crores.

(viii) Under the Country Cooperation Framework (CCF-I), with UNDP' assistance development programmes will be implemented in the non-mulberry sector from 1999-2000.

(c) Does not arise.

विश्व के वस्त्र बाजार में भारत की भागीदारी

1696. **श्री ओम प्रकाश कोहली** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विश्व के कपड़ा बाजार में भारत का कितना हिस्सा हैं,

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस दिशा में क्या कदम उठायें गए हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री काशी राम राणा) : (क) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार विश्व के वस्त्र निर्यातों में भारत का अंशदान लगभग 3 प्रतिशत है ।

(ख) और (ग) वस्त्रों के हमारे निर्यात को बढ़ाने की गुजाइश है । वस्त्रों के निर्यात को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए सरकार अनेक कदम उठा रही है , जिनमें क्रेता-विक्रेता बैठकों, मेंलों और प्रदर्शनियों में भाग लेने के लिए निर्यातकों को प्रोत्साहन देना, निर्यात उत्पादन के लिये रियायती शुल्क पर पूजींगत माल का आयात करने का अधिकार देना, निर्यात उत्पादन के लिये कच्चे माल का शुल्क मुक्त आयात करने के विशेष प्रबंध करना, वस्त्र निर्यात क्षेत्र के लिये मानव संसाधन विकास आदि शामिल है । उत्पादता और प्रतिस्पर्द्धात्मकता में सुधार लाने के लिए वस्त्र उद्योग के अभिज्ञात क्षेत्रों में आधुनिकीकरण और प्रौद्योगिकीय उन्नयन को सुकर बनाने के लिये वस्त्र उन्नयन निधि योजना भी शुरू की गई है ।

वस्त्र निर्यात

1697. **श्री डी.पी. यादव :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1998 के दौरान देश से कितना वस्त्र निर्यात किया गया,